Climate and Geography

Haiti is a very small country, even with its little islands surrounding it. It is 10,714 square miles, and it is actually a little smaller than Maryland. It also has many mountains and its highest point is 8,793 feet. In Haiti, there are rolling hills, and lushes valleys with rivers forming at the bottoms. Surrounded by water, Haiti is a peninsula and it shares and island with Dominican Republic.

Haiti’s climate is tropical wet and dry. The fall and the spring are known as the rainy seasons, as the summer and winter are dry. Out of all the months, July is overall, the driest month. Hurricane season is from the beginning of summer, June, to the beginning of fall, October. Haiti usually has very warm weather. There is never snow in Haiti, not even on the highest peaks of the mountains on the coldest days. The average weather in the capital, Port-Au-Prince, is 81 degrees, and the average weather in the mountains is 66 degrees. Since it is so warm in Haiti, people usually wear shorts and loose clothing. Some women do not like to wear shorts or pants, so they wear baggy skirts or dresses on very hot days. They do not have heater in their houses, and if they were to have anything, it would be air-conditioning, and fans.